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SUBJECT: MALAWIAN WATCHTOWER SOCIETY REFUGEES

REF: LUSAKA 1905

1. IN INTERVIEW WITH ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL PUBLISHED OCT 3, MALAWI EMBASSY LUSAKA ACTING HICOM SITUSI DESCRIBED MALAWIAN WATCHTOWER SOCIETY MEMBERS CURRENTLY COMING INTO ZAMBIA AS "NOMADS" RATHER THAN REFUGEES. SITUSI ASSERTED THAT ALTHOUGH WATCHTOWER SECT BANNED IN MALAWI, ITS MEMBERS WERE FREE TO RETURN HOME WITHOUT ANY FORM OF HARASSMENT. SITUSI DENIED WATCHTOWER MEMBERS BEING COMPELLED TO BUY MALAWI CONGRESS PARTY MEMBERSHIP CARDS AGAINST THEIR WILL.

2. SITUSI AGREED THAT SECT MEMBERS SHOULD BE REPATRIATED TO MALAWI AND SAID HICOM HAD HELD "SUCCESSFUL" NEGOTIATIONS WITH ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT ON THIS SUBJECT. SITUSI DECLINED PROVIDE ANY DETAILS OF WHAT HAD BEEN AGREED UPON OR TO SAY WHEN SECT MEMBERS WILL START RETURNIN TO MALAWI.

3. SITUSI ADDED THAT AS HE DOES NOT CONSIDER MALAWI SECT MEMBERS
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NOW IN ZAMBIA TO BE TRUE REFUGEES, AND AS MALAWI AND ZAMBIAN GOVTS

ARE INVOLVED AND IN CLOSE CONTACT, UNHCR NEED NOT BE INVOLVED.
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